

12 FAM 300 PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

12 FAM 310 PHYSICAL SECURITY OF FACILITIES ABROAD

12 FAM 311 SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

12 FAM 311.1 Policy

(TL:DS-29; 3-25-93)

The U.S. Government is responsible for protecting the personnel and facilities under the authority of a chief of mission. It is Department of State policy that such protection be directly responsive to the security needs of the mission.

12 FAM 311.2 Applicability

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

a. All new office building (NOB) projects and newly acquired buildings or office space, whether acquired by purchase or lease, must conform to physical security standards. Existing office buildings, including commercial office space, are also subject to these standards to the maximum extent feasible or practicable.

b. These standards apply to all official facilities abroad under the authority of the chief of mission.

12 FAM 311.3 Authorities

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

The Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Pub.L. 99-399) as codified at 22 U.S.C. 4804(5).

12 FAM 312 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

a. As shown in the President's Letter to Chiefs of Mission (see 1 FAM), each chief of mission is directly responsible for the security of his or her mission.

b. The Office of Physical Security Programs, Physical Security Division (DS/CIS/PSP/PSD) is responsible for ensuring that all new construction and major renovation design plans for buildings which are occupied by U.S. Government personnel under the authority of a chief of mission comply with physical security standards.

c. The Office of Foreign Buildings Operations' Construction Security Management Division (A/FBO/PE/CSM) is responsible for implementing physical security standards, policies, and procedures into projects and buildings over which it has jurisdiction as described in 6 FAM .

12 FAM 313 PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

For physical security, DS has developed standards for the categories of both terrorism and crime. The Office of Intelligence and Threat Assessment (DS/DSS/ITA) publishes semi-annually the Composite Threat List reflecting the level of threat in each category (see Security Standards Handbook).

12 FAM 314 WAIVERS

12 FAM 314.1 Physical Security Standards

(TL:DS-39; 8-15-94)

a. Project managers and regional security officers (RSOs) should follow all standards to the maximum extent possible; this includes agency-specific applications of those standards as defined by agreements approved by the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security. If standards cannot be met in existing facilities, waivers are not required. RSOs are required to survey posts to determine if facilities within their regions meet the standards and provide a status report to the Office of Overseas Operations (DS/DSS/OP) and DS/CIS/PSP. DS will address deficiencies in existing facilities.

b. All security standards will be met in new facilities whether constructed or acquired by purchase or lease. Every attempt will be made to acquire sites or new facilities that facilitate meeting physical security standards, particularly floor loading capacity and noncontiguity with adjacent buildings. In the event that one or more standards may not be possible for a specific building, application may be made by the post, agency, or Department organization to the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security for a waiver of physical security standards.

12 FAM 314.2 Chief of Mission/Principal Officer Concurrence

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As the officer ultimately responsible for the physical security of personnel at post, the chief of mission or principal officer must concur with the waiver request before it may be processed.

12 FAM 315 THROUGH 319 UNASSIGNED

